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1. JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA IS COMING UNDER INCREASING AND HEAVY ATTACK IN THE PRC MEDIA AS A RESULT OF HIS RECENT STATMENTS ON FOREIGN POLICY.

2. IN THE PRC DOMESTIC MEDIA'S FIRST MENTION OF THE MIYAZAWA-MANSFILED MEETING, NCNA HAS CHARGED THE JAPANESE FONMIN WITH INTERFERENCE IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. AN NCNA REPORT ON MIYAZAWA'S ALLEGED REMARKS TO MANSFIELD CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH CHINA BEGINS WITH THE ASSERTION THAT THE FOREIGN MINITER "SERIOUSLY WENT BACK ON THE SINO-JAPANSE JOINT STATEMENT ON THE PART THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND RESPECTS THE PRINCIPLE THAT TAIWAN IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE TERRITORY OF CHINA, VAILY ATTEMPTED TO OBSTRUCT THE RETURN OF TAIWAN TO THE EMBRACE OF THE MOTHERLAND AND TRUMPETED ABOUT "TWO CHINAS," OPENLY INTERFERING IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS". THE REMAINDER OF THE REPORT, HOWEVER, IS CONFIDENTIAL

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DEVOTED TO A ROUNDUP OF JAPANESE DENUNCIATIONS OF THE

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MIYAZAWA REMARKS ON RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

3. MEANWHILE, A BITING NCNA CORRESPONDENT ARTICLE (JULY 18) PAINTS THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINITER AS COWARDLY TOWING THE SOVIET LINE AND BETRAYING JAPANESE NATIONAL INTRESTS. IN A REFERENCE TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES DISPUTE, IT CONTENDS THAT THE SOCIET'S "EVEN DO NOT ALLOW JAPAN TO DEMAND THE RETURN OF THESE TERRITORIES" AND MAINTAINS MIYAZAWA IS FOLLOWING IN BREZHENEV'S FOOTSTEPS WITH HIS CRITICISM OF CHINISE SUPPORT OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR RECOVERY OF THE NORTHER TERRITORIES. ASSERTING THAT THE SOVIET MILITARY THREAT TO JAPAN HAS INTENSIFIED OVER THE YEAR, THE COMMENTARY MAINTAINS THAT ONLY THE SOVIETS HAVE APPLAUDED MIYAZAWA'S STATEMENTS WHCIH HAVE BEEN "VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNED" AT HOME. IT CONCLUDED THAT THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO "DARED NOT TAKE A STAND" IN DEFENDING JAPANESE NATIONAL INTRESTS, COMMITTED A "PERVERSE ACT" IN BETRAYAL OF HIS COUNTRY'S INTREST WHCIH WILL NOT BE TOLERATED BY THE JAPANESE PEOPLE.

4.IN REJECTING THE MIYAZAWA CRITICISM OF CHINESE SUPPORT FOR THE RETUN OF THE NORTHER TERRITORIES AS CONSTITUTIONG INTERFERENCE IN JAPANSE AFFAIRS, NCNA CONTINUES TO NOTE JAPANESE MEDIA CALLS FOR PROMOTION OF MOVEMENT TO RECOVER THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES AND EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN WITH THE SOVIET "MILITARY THREAT TO JAPAN".

5. THE RECENT NCNA COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENT ARTICLES UPGRADE SOMEWHAT THE LEVEL OF THE CHINESE ATTACKS ON THE JAPANESE FONMIN. HOWEVER, IN AIRING ITS UNHAPPINESS, CHINA FOCUSED ITS ATTACK SOLELY UPON MIYAZAWA WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY HIGHLIGHING THE CLOSE TIES AND WARN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND CHINESE PEOPLES.
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